

Listing of Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

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Claims 1 – 14 (canceled).

Claim 15 (currently amendment): An onboard system for delivering respiratory gas to a mask connected to a user fluid circuit, comprising:

- a) a user fluid circuit connected to a mask;
said first zone is connected to said user fluid circuit;
said second zone is connectable to a first pressurized fluid source;
said third zone is connectable to a second pressurized fluid source;
said fourth zone is connectable to a vent circuit; and
said first and said second pressurized fluid sources supply said user fluid circuit sequentially
- c) at least four fluid passages, wherein each said fluid passage connects a corresponding one of said zones to an external fluid circuit, one of the external fluid circuit being said user fluid circuit; and
- d) a mobile structure, wherein:
 - 1) said mobile structure can be moved into at least four positions;
 - 2) depending upon said movement of said mobile structure;
fluid communication is established between at least two of said zones;

at least two other of said zones are isolated from each other; and

said first zone is selectively brought into communication with at least one other of said zone;

The apparatus of claim 13, wherein

- 3)a) said mobile structure comprises a slide sliding on partition walls;
and
- 4)b) said partition walls define said zones.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 15, wherein:

- a) said apparatus has an internal layout which is symmetrical with respect to a center plane; and
- b) said center plane is substantially perpendicular to said mobile structure.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 16, wherein said first zone and said fourth zones are arranged:

- a) about said center plane; and
- b) on either side of said mobile structure.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 17, further comprising a pair of intermediate chambers, wherein said intermediate chambers are in permanent communication with said first zone.

Claims 19-23 (canceled)